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NEWS RELEASE

Update #3: City of El Paso continues to assist with Hurricane Harvey relief efforts

EL PASO, Texas – The City of El Paso and its partners continue to assist with emergency relief efforts from the devastating flooding in Southeast Texas.

At this point, El Paso is preparing to house evacuees but their arrival has not yet been confirmed. Emergency Management has not yet confirmed the temporary shelter locations as they are pending information related to the needs of evacuees.

In response to the disaster the El Paso community has:

- Deployed:
 - Six El Paso Fire Department divers, a rescue boat and two marked ton trucks to various Southeast Texas communities
 - Two El Paso Fire Department paramedics to the Houston area
 - Thirty-six officers, four sergeants, one lieutenant, 11 unmarked patrol vehicles, 2 marked police trucks, one unmarked $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck, and one 25-foot utility trailer to assist with security at temporary shelters in Houston area
 - Six El Paso County Sheriff's deputies with vehicles and a boat to Houston area
 - The BorderRAC ambulance strike team and mobile hospital to Southeast Texas
 - Three El Paso Constables with patrol vehicles to Southeast Texas
 - Five Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Team members and a trailer to Galveston
 - Fifty-four U.S. Border Patrol Agents to Corpus Christi
 - Ten Federal Bureau of Investigation agents to Southeast Texas
 - Twenty-five special agents from El Paso's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Rapid Response Team to Houston with 10 heavy-duty trucks and trailers where they will coordinate with other response teams
- Assisted through the 2-1-1 Texas Information and Referral Network (TIRN) and the City's Health Department with receiving 2-1-1 calls from throughout the state related to emergency relief

Additionally, Texas Gas Service and El Paso Electric are on standby to deploy to assist with relief efforts.

The El Paso community has shown its support for those affected by Hurricane Harvey by expressing their eagerness to donate to the relief efforts. We thank the community for their support and donations, but at this time monetary donations are being encouraged by many of the relief organizations.

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American Red Cross and the Salvation Army are encouraging monetary donations because supply vehicles are having difficulty reaching the affected area. Monetary donations allow relief organizations to directly address current and future needs.

The Salvation Army's focus is feeding evacuees and first responders. The American Red Cross is concentrating on necessary supplies and needs for the shelters.

It is also important to note that donations cannot be received at any City of El Paso facility.

Emergency officials are also asking those interested in volunteering to not self-deploy but volunteer locally with relief agencies.

HOW TO DONATE:

American Red Cross

Monetary - <https://www.redcross.org/donate/hurricane-harvey?campname=Harvey&campmedium=aspot>

Salvation Army

Monetary -

https://give.salvationarmyusa.org/site/Donation2?df_id=27651&mfc_pref=T&27651.donation=form1

El Pasoans Fighting Hunger

Monetary - <http://elpasoansfightinghunger.org>

Items - 9541 Plaza Circle, El Paso, TX 79927

HOW TO DONATE TO ANIMAL-RELATED RELIEF EFFORTS:

Best Friends Animal Society

Monetary - <https://bestfriends.org/hurricaneharvey>

Human Society of the United States

Monetary - <https://goo.gl/nbMByY>

For the latest Hurricane Harvey information from the City of El Paso, visit elpasotexas.gov and click on the banner.

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